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## LIFE STORY OF A GOLLIWOG

### ORIGINAL DOLL IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S HOME

EVERYONE knows the Golliwog, that fuzzy-headed nursery favourite with laughing eyes twinkling from a black face: but how many know how the doll originated, or how it got its name? We are reminded of this by a correspondent who points out that the original Golliwog now has its permanent home at Chequers, the Buckinghamshire country residence of Britain's Prime Ministers.

Here then is the story of the very first Golliwog, and how it came to take up residence at Chequers.

Golliwog's creator was Miss Florence Upton, an American, and a strong supporter of the Allied cause in the First World War. She was the author of the series of illustrated books *Golliwog and the Dutch Dolls* (she used the double g in spelling) which many younger grandmothers of today will remember so well as their nursery books.

Before the United States entered the war she sent to a Red Cross sale some of her paintings, and also the original golliwog—black-faced, shock-headed, with blue coat and red trousers, the first of all the golliwogs which we still see. The doll and the paintings were sold for a considerable sum, out of which an ambulance called *Golliwog* was fitted out for service in France.

#### National property

The purchaser, Miss Frith Moore, for reasons of her own, had Golliwog and other items sent in a glass case to Chequers, at that time the home of Lord Lee of Fareham; and when, some years later, the house and grounds were given to the nation, Miss Upton's Golliwog was included as part of the Trust.

In some notes Miss Upton tells the story of Golliwog's origin. Her hero had first come into her life as a doll bought at an American country fair. She confesses with pangs how she used to make an Aunt Sally of him when she was a child, and would enjoy knocking him head over heels with any missiles that came to hand. After she had grown up he lay forgotten for years in an attic drawer.

Then she started work on a series of nursery books concerning the adventures of some Dutch dolls, and into her pictures there seemed to walk one day, the discarded black-faced doll recently rediscovered by accident.

And that is how golliwog rather than the Dutch dolls became the leading figures in a new series of picture books. Miss Upton, who had a studio in

Westminster, drew the pictures and her mother wrote the simple verses in which the story was told.

Some people objected to Golliwog because he was ugly. Miss Upton admitted this, but she wrote that nevertheless "the Golliwog is a sincerity, and children know that they can trust him... I myself, in spite of having passed from the trustful, trustable world where children live, yet I too am a bit under the spell of the honest personality of the Golliwog."

In the choice of his name, Miss Upton admits that "without the idea ever passing through my mind I called him 'Golliwog'... He seemed Golliwog, he was Golliwog... Ask yourself, could he have had any other name?"

Golliwog books have long been out of print, but golliwog dolls still have their place in thousands of homes all over the world. And, as we now know, the original of all the golliwogs lives in the distinguished company of Britain's Prime Ministers.

#### ON CRAZY LINES

SOME details have just been published about the "Far Twittering and Oyster Perch Railway," the miniature railway of 15-inch gauge which is being designed for the Festival of Britain. The staff will be recruited from long-faced, mournful-looking men, and one of the engines will spout tea as well as steam.

#### Money from honey

THE commercial bee-keeping company run by the boys and girls of Market Rasen Modern School, Lincolnshire, recently held its annual meeting of shareholders, all of whom are schoolchildren.

The company's accounts were presented by a 12-year-old girl, Ann Robinson (good at Stocks and Shares), who announced a dividend of 100 per cent.

"This has been a terribly difficult year for bees," said Ann, in her speech to the shareholders. "It has rained nearly every day, and the bees have had to make honey in the rain. No bee likes doing that."

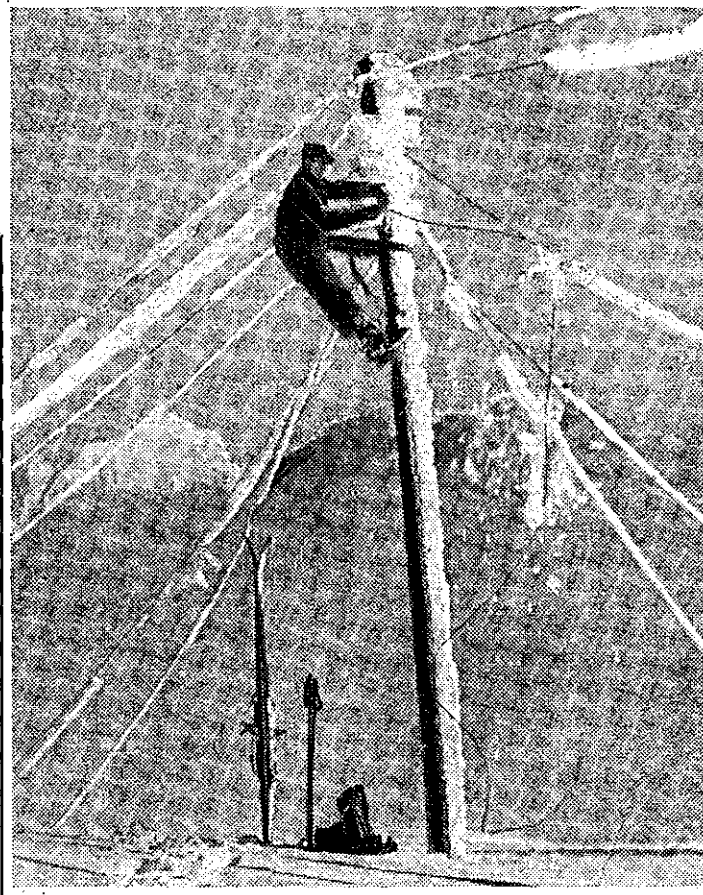
However, like their owners, the bees kept busy. Today this children's successful bee-keeping enterprise owns equipment—hives, jars, and so on—worth over £100, and it began ten years ago.



#### WORK AND PLAY IN THE SNOW

In America—A competitor in a ski-ing race speeds down Baldy Mountain in Sun Valley, Idaho.

In Switzerland—High in the St Bernard Pass a lineman repairs wires.



#### WHISKERS IN THE WATERS

A MAN on the side of the Regent's Canal Dock, London, got quite a shock not long ago when he saw a small, whiskered face solemnly staring at him from the oily water. A second glance revealed that it was not a human face, and he began to wonder if the dock, like Loch Ness, harboured a strange monster.

The mysterious face-in-the-waters turned out to be that of a seal which must have followed a ship into the dock when the lock gates were opened.

The seal seemed quite at home. He slithered out on to a projection under the jetty, and seemed very pleased with all the attention he was getting. But he dived as soon as a man from the Zoo rowed towards him; then he appeared again, and when a docker threw towards him a herring on the end of a rope, hoping to tempt him nearer the boat, he just rolled over and waved a derisive flipper.

Later, the whiskered excursionist disappeared, presumably having left the dock for the more spacious waters of the North Sea.

#### HORSE-POWER OF OF A FLY

A BIOLOGY student at London University has been making experiments to measure the efficiency of the common fly; and as a result it is reported that the fly produces less than one millionth of one horse-power and then wastes nearly 99 per cent of it!

#### HARDEST CLIMB IN THE WORLD

DETAILS have just been published of a reconnaissance of the south face of Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain, made for the first time during last summer. The expedition was not given any publicity at the time, probably for diplomatic reasons.

The party included four Americans, and one British climber, Major H. W. Tilman. He and Dr C. Houston, who had been together on the Anglo-American expedition which climbed Nanda Devi in 1936, studied the south face from

several points above 18,000 feet.

They found it precipitously steep and broken, and could perceive no practicable route. Since the ice-bound east face is also impracticable the results of the examination would seem to show that future attempts on climbing Everest must be by the familiar North Col route.

Experience indicates that in a favourable year, with the upper part of the mountain unusually free from snow, and the monsoon late, the summit of Mount Everest can best be approached from the North.

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## BLACK SWAN STATE

**N**EXT month the Premier of Western Australia, Mr McLarty, will visit us. He hopes to attract more British people to invest money in Western Australian enterprises, and he also wants to obtain more steel, machinery, and prefabricated houses for his great state, which comprises nearly half the island Continent.

Western Australia is far and away the biggest state in Australia. It is more than ten times the size of the little homeland of the United Kingdom. You could fit into it nearly all the countries of western Europe—Britain, Spain, Portugal, France, Holland, Belgium, Western Germany, and Scandinavia—yet its population is only a little over half a million, while that of the European countries mentioned is some two hundred and four millions!

The emblem of Western Australia is the black swan, for it was here that Europeans first saw this contradictory bird. In January 1693 the Dutch navigator William de Vlamingh was sailing up a river in Western Australia when he and his sailors rubbed their eyes and looked at one another asking: "Do you see what I see?"

### Incredible birds

For in those days the term "black swan" was used as an absurdity. To make sure their story would be believed, the Dutchmen caught four of these previously fabulous birds.

The story of the black swan's discovery was one of the first to impress Europeans with the strangely contrary way of things in the mysterious new lands "Down Under."

The river in which the Dutchmen first saw the birds was afterwards called the Swan River, and on its banks stands Perth, the capital of Western Australia.

The black swan is found all over Australia, but Western Australia has fairly claimed it as

an emblem because it was here that this graceful bird, ebony save for its white wing quills and red bill, first made its bow to white men.

It is a familiar badge on the jerseys and blazers of Western Australian sportsmen, and has appeared on stamps. With it goes the punning motto: *Cygnis insignis* (the sign of a swan).

The state's most valuable possession, however, is held to be "The Golden Mile" in the Kalgoorlie Goldfield, from which nearly £200,000,000 has already been won.

We shall hope that Mr McLarty is highly successful in interesting more people here in his land of beauty and promise, Western Australia.

### Hitch-hiking without a hitch



The pickaback rider on the left is a Koala bear who gets a lift from a friendly Alsatian in a sanctuary in Brisbane. On the right are three cygnets, in Eastern France, who avoid getting their feet wet by hitch-hiking on mother.



## NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

### AUSTRALIAN GIFT

As part of her contribution to the Colombo Plan, Australia has offered 100 scholarships to young technicians from India, Pakistan, and Ceylon. They will be distributed through the new Commonwealth Technical Co-operation Bureau in Colombo.

Richard Laws, of Whitley Bay, Northumberland, a 24-year-old zoologist, is on his way to join the Falkland Islands survey ship *John Biscoe*. Mr Laws was left behind to complete research at Cambridge when the ship sailed from Southampton last October. He will be in South Georgia for a year, studying elephant seals.

Over 45,000 visitors were conducted round our docks during 1950—most of them in school parties.

The G.P.O. dealt with about 560,000,000 letters during the Christmas period.

### BUS-Y

The world's biggest bus terminal has been opened in New York. It is a four-storey structure which can also garage 2000 buses off the streets, has parking space for 450 cars on the roof, and is used by four times as many buses as the biggest bus terminal in Britain—at Victoria, London.

Coins to the value of £75 were placed by visitors last year in a public aviary in Southampton and collected by three jackdaws and a magpie. Retrieved by the keeper, they were all given to the Southampton Children's Hospital.

A new £12,500,000 loan has been granted to Israel by the United States to buy American equipment, materials and services for agricultural development.

### Family affair

George Gibb, a 71-year-old great-grandfather, is working at Betteshanger Colliery, Kent, with his three sons and seven grandsons. Between them they bring up 100 tons of coal each week.

One passenger in nine on British Overseas Airways during the last eighteen months has been an animal. During that time 30,000 animals passed through London Airport.

A Sunday-morning crèche for the children of parents wishing to attend Communion at 9.45 and morning service at 11.30 has been provided at St Martin-in-the-Fields, London.

### MESS MERMAID

The captain of HMS *Mermaid* has written to the civic authorities at Copenhagen asking for a photograph of the Copenhagen Harbour statue of Hans Andersen's *Little Mermaid* to hang in his officers' mess.

The British and Foreign Bible Society is printing a Greek pocket edition of the Acts of the Apostles to mark the celebration in Greece this year of the 19th centenary of St Paul's first entry into Europe.

The Inter-county Championships of Schools will be held this year at the Athletic Association's Sports Centre at Southampton, July 20 and 21.

A relay run will be the outstanding contribution of the Boys' Brigade to this year's Festival of Britain. Five routes will converge on London—from John o' Groat's, Londonderry, Llanelli, Penzance, and Cromer. Runners on the longest route, from John o' Groat's will probably start about mid-April, and the others during the latter part of the month.

Nearly 400 of Britain's 450 larger warships were in home ports for Christmas and the New Year. The crews had special leave.

### Well-earned!

The Yorkshire County Cricket Club announce that the final figures for Len Hutton's benefit last season were £9713. This is a Yorkshire record.

Belgium has ousted Great Britain from its long-held position of having the densest traffic in the world. It has 17.7 vehicles to every mile of road; Great Britain has 16.9.

## The importance of Sikkim

INDIA has made a new treaty with its small northern neighbour, the state of Sikkim, which lies on the chief trade routes across the Himalayas between India and Tibet.

The invasion of Tibet by the Chinese Communists makes this little mountain country of Sikkim, jutting into Tibet to the east of Nepal, an important place for India. By the new treaty India will maintain the two trade routes leading through Sikkim into Tibet, and India will have the right to construct new roads, for strategic purposes, and to establish any other kind of communications, such as railways, telegraphs, aerodromes, and so on.

### Land of mountains

Sikkim, which is not much larger than Lincolnshire, lies a short distance north of Darjeeling, the pleasant town in the hills where white people used to like to stay in the days of British rule, and north of Kalimpong, where there is the orphanage described recently in the C.N.

Like its larger neighbour Nepal, Sikkim is a wild land of deep forests and towering mountains, with a population of 121,520, Hindus and Buddhists, hardy, peaceful folk who farm in the valleys. Their capital is the little town of Gangtok, and they are ruled by a Maharaja, and an advisory council.

The new treaty gives Sikkim independence in its internal affairs, but makes India responsible for its defence and for its relations with other countries.

## PROMETHEUS IN THE NEWS

RUBENS's great painting of Prometheus has been sold to the Philadelphia Museum of Art for a sum stated to be over £30,000.

The legend of Prometheus, the demigod of man, has often inspired artists and writers. He was a mythical hero of the ancient Greeks who was believed to have given the human race the possession of fire. This he did by stealing a few sparks of it from heaven. But Zeus, king of the gods, was angered by his theft and had Prometheus chained to a rock where by day an eagle devoured his liver, which grew again at night. He was eventually rescued by Hercules.

The famous classical drama, *Prometheus Bound*, was written in the 6th century B.C. by Aeschylus, the Father of Greek tragedy. The legend inspired Shelley's lyrical drama, *Prometheus Unbound*, in which the poet expressed many of his own philosophical ideas.

## Enemy of cheese

THE germ-killing drug penicillin also kills the bacteria necessary for making cheese. This is revealed in the *British Medical Journal*, which states that penicillin given to cows to cure inflammations also destroys the bacteria in milk essential for normal cheese-making.

Even when milk from the cow treated with penicillin is mixed with that from 200 untreated cows the effect is the same.

## Storing the School Broadcast

THE BBC's school broadcasts are increasing in favour. There are now some 21,565 schools in Britain registered as listening to them—nearly 3000 more than in 1949; and these figures mean that over 54 per cent of all schools in the United Kingdom are registered with the School Broadcasting Council, whose officers, during the year 1949-50, gave 450 demonstrations of school broadcasting.

School broadcasts would be increased in value by giving teachers apparatus to record them, and so keep them for future use. This development is proposed in a Unesco pamphlet *Education by Radio* (Stationery Office 2s), by Dr Roger Clausse, of the Belgian National Broadcasting Institute.

Such recording apparatus, he

suggests, would enable a teacher to use broadcasts as and when he wished, and it would solve the problem of fitting them into the school time-table.

It would also enable a teacher to interrupt a broadcast when he wanted to make some explanation of his own. A library of recorded broadcasts could be built up which would offer vast possibilities for instruction at comparatively small cost.

It is the teacher who, in Dr Clausse's opinion, can give personality to each broadcast, for without him there would be a risk of school broadcasts losing all purpose and being, at best, no more than a period of relaxation, or even a source of boredom.

Dr Clausse thinks that in broadcast talks, lectures, and discussions, the young listeners' attention quickly tires. That is when, presumably, his "canned" broadcast would be useful. The teacher could switch off and in some other way revive the class's interest.

### Off to Monte Carlo

SEVENTY Britons have been chosen from some 600 applicants to compete in this year's Monte Carlo Rally which begins on January 23. Twenty makes of British cars will be represented.

Lord Woolton has presented an 18th-century silver cup and cover to Manchester University, of which he is Chancellor, to mark the centenary of Owen's College which will be commemorated in May.

A new auto-route connecting Paris with the Riviera is to be started this year and completed in 1955 at a cost of £9,000,000.

### Patchwork

Because of the shortage of patching material an appeal is made to old boys through the magazine of St John's School, Leatherhead, Surrey, to send their old jackets to the matron.

When an Orkney Island coast-guard was summoned to headquarters he saw a railway engine for the first time. He was travelling in a plane!

Arrangements are in hand for a Central African Scout Jamboree to be held at Kitwe next year, when Scouts will attend from Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Zanzibar, Nyasaland, Southern Rhodesia, Bechuanaland, Belgian Congo, and the Union of South Africa.

### BIGGEST FAIR

This year's British Industries Fair—at Castle Bromwich, Birmingham, and Earl's Court and Olympia, London, from April 30 to May 11—will be the biggest ever held. Textiles alone will occupy three times more floor space than last year's show.

### IT'S COMING

C.N. will be making an important announcement—an announcement of very great interest to all readers who are still at school. For C.N. will again be holding a nation-wide Handwriting Test.

LOOK out for further news of this event. It will concern Children's Newspaper readers all over the country.



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## PROTOCRATOPS IN KENSINGTON

The publicity given to the arrival from Tanganyika recently of two incomplete fossilised eggs, believed to be those of a dinosaur, has tended to obscure other important additions to the Natural History Museum at South Kensington—the actual skulls of three protoceratops, presented by a New York museum.

Only 20 of these dinosaurs have been found, all in Mongolia, and the Natural History Museum can now boast that it owns the only relics of them in Europe.

The protoceratops were gentle vegetarians, about four feet long, with sharp teeth for snapping off leaves and grass. They evolved into the giant triceratops, a fear-

some creature about 25 feet long and nine feet high at the hind-quarters.

Although the skulls of these later dinosaurs were six feet long, their brains were no larger than that of a rabbit. In their subsequent development the sharp front teeth of the protoceratops turned into a beak, and three-pointed horns appeared one over each eye and one over the nose.

The skulls now on view are in excellent condition, with the deep, red sand of the Gobi desert still caking the eyes and nostrils.

These fossilised remains are believed to be about 180 million years old.

## TRAINING FOR IMMIGRANTS

To provide equipment for the Fairbridge Memorial College in Rhodesia £75,000 is being raised. The equipment will include permanent hostels, an after-care hostel, a chapel, a playground for younger children, and improvements to the playing fields.

The work was started by Kingsley Fairbridge, great idealist and Empire builder, to give children from Britain's crowded areas a fuller opportunity on the Fairbridge Farm Schools in Australia and Canada. The work was continued and expanded as a memorial to the founder after his death in 1924.

The Memorial College, near Bulawayo, was built four years ago, thus fulfilling Kingsley Fairbridge's cherished dream that a school for young British immigrants should be established in Rhodesia, where he spent many years of his boyhood.

## 42 HEADMASTERS

A BRONZE plaque bearing the names of 42 headmasters since 1604 has been unveiled in the entrance hall of King Edward VII School, Sheffield. The school's history is known from 1604, and tradition takes it back to 1290.

## OUTSIZED VERMIN IN AFRICA

Most vermin in this country are small, and the fox is the largest animal among them. But it is a different story in Tanganyika, where the Government have just published a Fauna Protection Bill.

Vermin in the bill include baboon, velvet monkey, porcupine, hunting dog, spotted hyena, bush pig, and even in some areas hippopotamus and zebra. Any or all of these are fair game for the hunter.

## FIGURES NO LONGER FEARSOME

FULL marks to the city of Coventry for presenting the annual Abstract of Accounts in a simplified form.

Instead of the dry-as-dust pages of figures and complicated tables a booklet has been prepared containing a straightforward series of graphs and diagrams in colour that even a child can understand.

The growth of the income to its present annual turnover of £7,500,000 is set out in an overall picture and subsequent graphs show how the rate collected from the householder is spent on such services as education, child welfare, transport, civic restaurants, and housing.

Coventry has still in service its ancient Treasure Chest housed in St Mary's Hall. This chest, once the city's medieval treasury, makes a fitting frontispiece to the booklet.

## TEEN-AGERS AID HOSPITAL

THE fifteen-year-old daughter of a WVS member at East Grinstead, Sussex, formed a party of teen-agers to make and renovate toys for young patients in the local Queen Victoria Hospital. The idea has been welcomed by the hospital authorities, and with their co-operation a children's ward was "adopted" by the group.

The group members are still at boarding school, but during school holidays they meet weekly to deal with the toys. They also regularly visit the sick children, take them flowers, and help their adopted ward in many ways. Some members of the group have been allowed to help the nurses with small jobs in the ward.

## NEW PRESIDENT OF THE ZOO

A FAMOUS soldier, Lord Alanbrooke, O.M. is the new President of the Zoological Society of London, having succeeded the late Duke of Devonshire.

Although Lord Alanbrooke's life has been devoted to the Army—he was Chief of the Imperial General Staff—he has found time for studying natural history. A keen bird-watcher, he has made many interesting colour films of the golden eagle and the hobby, which is a species of falcon.

## 29 DOGS (& A CAT) AT A PARTY

A PARTY was given at the Tower of London restaurant recently by the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals for some of their former patients. One cat and 29 dogs came along with their owners—old age pensioners who had been helped by the PDSA when their pets were ill.

While their owners ate sandwiches and cake, the animals had tasty scraps of meat and broken biscuits, and there was much grateful tail-wagging.

A few paws were on the table, as might have been expected, but on the whole the four-footed guests behaved excellently; and though the cat, Billy, was a little perturbed at first, the dogs were polite, and there was no open ill-feeling.

The CN congratulates the PDSA on this jolly idea of a party.



## Mandoline class

All pupils at the Skir elementary school near Växjö in Sweden are taught to play the mandoline. Here we see some of the young music-makers at rehearsal

## REPAIRING THE SPHINX

RESTORATION work about to be undertaken on the Sphinx under the supervision of the Egyptian Department of Antiquities, is believed to be the first repair work carried out on the massive figure for nearly 2000 years.

Before that, work is said to have been undertaken by King Thothmes the Fourth, in the 18th Dynasty—about 1420 B.C.—and other repairs were made in the time of King Ramesses the Second, about 1250 B.C.

New blocks will be hewn into shape to replace the worn stones in the left foreleg of the Sphinx, and on the north side of the figure where the cold Mediterranean winds have been responsible for the decay. They will be made minutely smaller than the originals so that future experts may identify them at once.

## PLANE-SPOTTING CONTEST

TEAMS of enthusiasts representing clubs and aviation organisations all over Britain, will assemble in the lecture theatre of the Science Museum, South Kensington, on January 20, to compete at the fourth All-England Aircraft Recognition Contest.

The competition has been organised by the Aircraft Recognition Society, and the winning team will be presented with the Society's Silver Hurricane Trophy by its President, Mr Peter Masefield.

Keen-eyed spotters, many of them in their teens, will be called on to identify photographs of 35 modern planes, projected on a screen by an epidiascope.

## THE KIRK IN LONDON

THE reconstruction after war damage of Crown Court Church in Covent Garden, the mother church of the Church of Scotland in London, has been completed.

This church has an unusual situation, placed as it is among the markets and theatres of Covent Garden. It also has a very interesting history.

The original building was destroyed by fire in 1698. After meeting in St Martin's Lane, the Kirk of the Crown of Scotland was opened in Covent Garden in

## DAUNTLESS TRIO

THREE brave missionary ladies, all well over 70, are on their way to South America for a six-month holiday. They are Miss Eva French, her sister Miss Francesca French, and Miss Mildred Cable.

All three before the war faced death many times in the Gobi Desert of Mongolia, where they made long journeys to set up centres of Christianity. In China they were once held as prisoners for several months by bandits, but managed to escape.

Their present journey is being sponsored by the Evangelical Union of South America, and they are making the voyage in a slow cargo ship which is not likely to reach Buenos Aires until early next month.

## FISH-PORTERS' HATTER

A HATTER with a unique business has just completed a quarter of a century of trade in a little shop near Billingsgate. He is Mr John Fain, and he makes hats for the fish-porters in the market.

These hats, made of leather to enable the porters to support the boxes of fish on their heads, are shaped like flat-topped bowlers with the brim turned up all round—a device to catch the water which drips from the boxes.

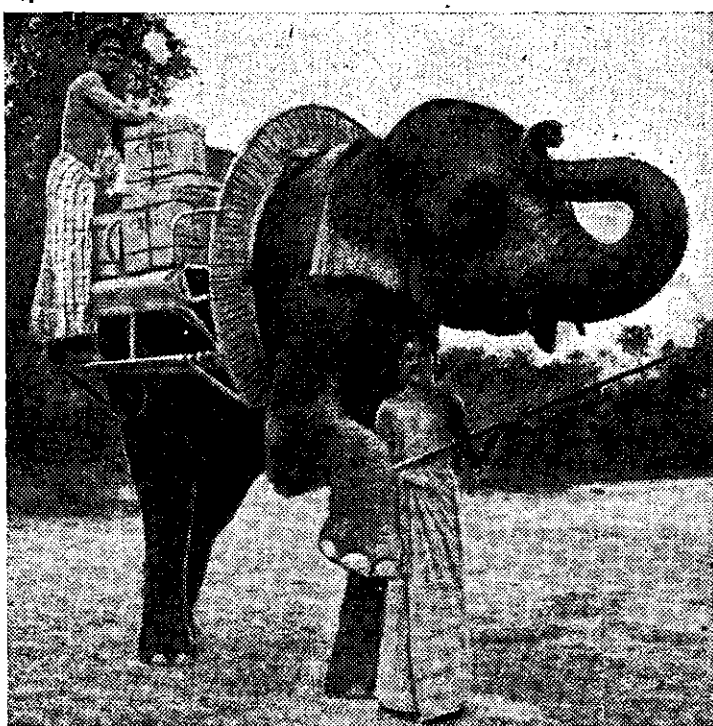
The secret of balancing the boxes is to pad the hat with soft paper to the shape of the top of the head, and some porters can carry up to 224 lbs of fish in this way. Each hat needs five pounds of leather, 400 brass rivets, and 30 feet of waxed thread. Such a hat takes eight hours to make, and costs more than £5.



## Really large-scale map

This huge map of Germany, of which only a section is shown, is in the joint Manoeuvre Headquarters in Heidelberg





### New books by old transport

The elephant makes light work of this load of scientific books sent from America to the University of Ceylon, at Colombo.

## Pantomime ponies have long holidays

OF all the gay moments in Christmas pantomime none is more loudly applauded than the one when Cinderella's coach is drawn across the stage by a team of Shetland ponies. But who would guess that for the rest of the year these lively little creatures graze peacefully on a Warwickshire farm?

Ashorne Hill Farm, near Leamington, owned by Mrs K. B. Grasby, has from 40 to 50 ponies that are hired out during the pantomime season, and they have become famous all over the world. Orders have been received from as far afield as America, and in 1936 Mussolini sent an Italian duke to select a pony for him.

These little animals are extraordinarily tame and because they have retentive memories they quickly become proficient in pulling coaches before enthusiastic young audiences. From Christmas to Christmas they remember what is required of them, and

they go off to prance on stages as far apart as Brighton and Blackpool, at pantomime time.

Some of the ponies can be kept in harness up to their 18th year, and they are hired in groups of four. The season varies in different towns, but most teams are away from the farm for a minimum of ten weeks.

When the pantomime act becomes too strenuous for the older ponies other commissions come their way. One 27-inch pony, for instance, was a great attraction with Father Christmas at a well-known Southend store.

In summer the ponies are in great demand at fêtes and other open-air shows, and there are always young visitors in and around Ashorne Hill Farm. The favourite on the farm is the smallest pony of all—just 25 inches tall. There are a number an inch taller, and one of these makes a practice of knocking at Mrs Grasby's study door for tidbits from the table.

## BLOOD PLASMA FROM SEAWEED

A NEW laboratory at the Seaweed Research Institute at Inveresk, near Edinburgh, recently opened by the Secretary of State for Scotland, has been named after Professor J. Masson Gulland, a native of Edinburgh who until his death in 1947 was Professor of Chemistry at Nottingham University.

Professor Gulland was among the first to realise the need for scientific investigation into the uses to which the 4,000,000 tons of seaweed washed up each year on the coasts of Scotland could be put.

On view at the opening ceremony was a pound of Laminarin, a starch-like substance obtained from seaweed, the only known sample in the world. To make this a hundredweight of wet seaweed had been used.

The new chemical will be used in the manufacture of talcum powder but, as a result of ex-

periments now being made in London and Edinburgh, a far more important use has been found. The need for blood transfusions in hospitals is continually increasing and Laminarin promises to provide an effective substitute for blood plasma.

Together with the dextrin-carbohydrates obtained from sugar it may well solve the problem of keeping up the blood supply for transfusion purposes.

### The young idea

ELEVEN national youth organisations are to take part in a public-speaking contest to be held during the Festival of Britain. The subject will be *Youth Speaks for Itself*.

The contest is open to members of any youth organisation belonging to the Standing Conference of National Voluntary Youth Organisations.

## Chance for young artists

A WORLD-WIDE children's drawing competition is being organised by the Danish Children's Welfare Organisation. Boys and girls of all races in 110 countries are being invited to send in a picture illustrating one of Hans Andersen's fairy tales. It is known that these tales have been translated into 33 languages.

Competitors may choose any tale, and their pictures may be in pencil, Indian ink, water colour, oils, linocuts, or any other medium they prefer.

The International Union for Child Welfare will provide the committee to which every competing country will send its 100 best pictures for judging before March next year. Later, it is hoped, money for child welfare work will be earned by exhibitions of the pictures in the various countries.

More information can be obtained from Danish legations and consulates, or from "Red Barnet," Frydendalsvej 32, Copenhagen, Denmark.

## TAKING A SCHOOL TO THE PUPILS

IN the middle of a lonely waste of moorland in Caithness stands a tiny village called Backlass which boasts a wooden school building measuring fourteen feet by twelve feet.

For four years the school has been unused, but now the Education Committee have decided on its removal a mile across the moor to enable three children in the district to be educated. The new site can conveniently be reached by all three pupils, and the school will be hauled there by means of a tractor loaned by a councillor living at Thurso.

The teacher at this tiny school will stay at the house of a shepherd at Backlass. The Caithness Education Committee have also decided that indicator poles should be erected along the moorland tracks leading to the school to guide the children when snow has covered the paths.

## WHAT'S IN A PLACE-NAME?

MENTION in the *Children's Newspaper* a week or two ago of a number of places the world over bearing the name of Christmas prompted a correspondent to go a-rambling in the gazetteer and led to his discovery of a Christmas Pie in Surrey and a Christmas Common in Oxfordshire. It also led to his finding a whole host of curious place-names in other parts of Britain, with origins for the most part buried in obscurity.

Wigwig, for instance, is not as might be supposed, a variation of the can-can or any other dance number, but is a village in Shropshire; and this is by no means the oddest of British place-names.

The hungry hiker can get Ham or a Sandwich, in Kent, or Eel Pie on a Thames island opposite Twickenham. The hard-up might do worse than visit Fortunes Well in Dorset or the Golden Mile in Glamorgan. Cold Bath House in Lincolnshire, and Nettlebed, near Henley, both sound distinctly uncomfortable, but there is something very intriguing about Impudent Garden in Essex.

Far more delectable is the sound of Heart's Delight (Kent), or Land of Nod (Yorks). But what impish spirit inflicted such names as Purgatory, Ugley, and Pity Me on villages equally desirable in the counties of Oxon, Essex, and Durham?

And why travel so far afield when one may visit either Gibraltar, Formosa, or Egypt without leaving England? The former is a village in Suffolk; Formosa is an island in the

Thames near Maidenhead; and Egypt may be found in the heart of Burnham Beeches, in Bucks, and through it runs a brook christened, most appropriately, the Nile.

Somerset, too, can boast of its Canada, and Lincolnshire can guide you through its New York as well as to Boston. And who would suspect that Hollywood was a suburb of Birmingham?

Your cat would probably like Bunny, near Nottingham, or Mousehole, in Cornwall, and to interest the farmer we have Grain, at the mouth of the Thames, Rye in Sussex, and Barley, near Royston.

Then there is Hayfield in Derbyshire, and Fallowfield near Manchester. But Peacehaven should surely be on the Dove instead of not far from Battle.

Finally, let us hope that in your travels this year Come-to-good will not be Hard-to-find, and that you will spend some Weeks-in-the-Moor before saying Farewell. These romantic villages can be found on any Ordnance map covering the counties of Cornwall, Bucks, Devon, and Staffordshire respectively.

## STONE OF SCONE

THE Coronation Stone, the Stone of Scone, which some foolish persons removed from the Coronation Chair in Westminster Abbey, is one of Great Britain's most ancient treasures.

The "Stone of Destiny," as the Scots called it, was the coronation seat of Scottish kings until the English Edward I carried it off to symbolise his overlordship of Scotland.

It is a simple thing—a rough block of reddish-grey sandstone, with a roughly-cut cross on top and iron rings on either side for carrying it, 2 feet 2½ inches long,

one foot 4 inches wide, and 11 inches thick; yet there can be no other object in our land associated with more legend and tradition.

It was considered sacred, said to have been used as a seat by St Columba, and even to have been the pillow on which Jacob lay when he saw the angels of God on the ladder at Bethel. Many are the legends about this precious piece of sandstone.

It has lain under the seat of the Coronation Chair at the crowning of Kings of England since Edward II.

## WHAT EVERY SALMON KNOWS

A YEARLY mystery is once more unfolding before the eyes of British naturalists. Salmon that have been far out to sea have begun this month to run up our famous rivers, back to the scenes amid which they entered life.

They are now in prime condition until the end of August, after which the quality declines, and there comes a close season of five months.

This annual salmon migration is one of the marvels of nature. By catching salmon that have been previously marked it has been found that they swim as much as 60 miles a day on journeys of hundreds of miles.

Something, however, seems to ring a soundless bell in the salmon, causing it, when farthest from its home waters, to turn about and swim back. Before it lie the coasts and rivers of

Europe, but these are ignored by our salmon, which keep right on until the mouth of their native water is reached.

Whatever the explanation of the mystery, it is a fact that the salmon returns to the river from which it set forth on its journeyings across the sea. When the river is sufficiently flooded to permit the fish to ascend, up they go, leaping over all obstacles until, reaching the headwaters of the stream, they come to the same area of gravel, with its swiftly-running water, in which they themselves were hatched.

It is now their turn to produce eggs from which the next generation of salmon will appear. Bearing little metal tabs affixed to their fins, they carry their "identity cards" downstream, out to sea, and back again so that whoever catches them may tell whence they came.

But, no-one can tell what guides the travelling salmon, and as in previous years, we can but wonder and admit that the mystery of the performance is beyond our understanding.



A salmon jumping the weir on the River Eden near Appleby, Westmorland.



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# Old friends return to make the New Year gay



Arthur Askey and friends in Goody-Goody-Goody at the London Casino



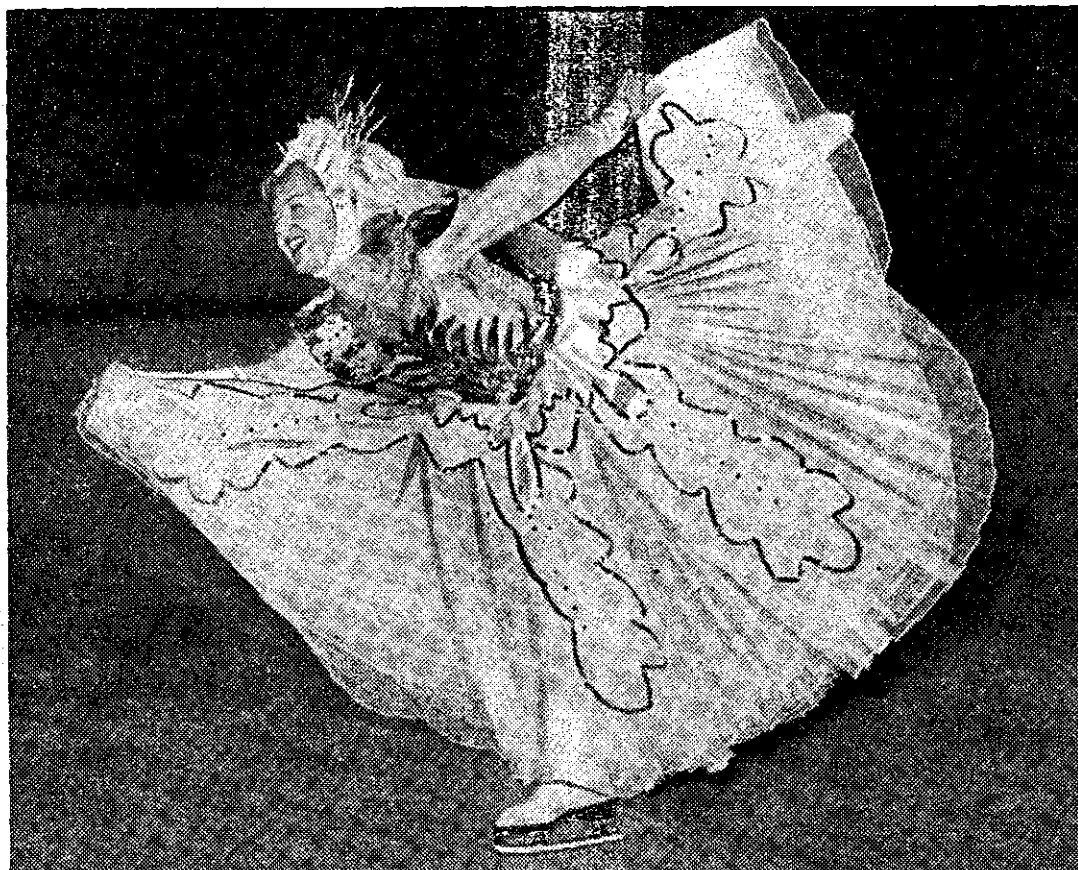
Babes in the Wood—In the ice pantomime at Empress Hall, Earl's Court, the Babes are Gordon Holloway, British junior champion, and Heather Belbin



Two of the clowns in the Bertram Mills Circus at Olympia



Bert Holt juggles while hanging by his teeth 60 feet up—in Tom Arnold's Haringay circus



Principal girl in Dick Whittington on Ice, at Wembley, is 21-year-old Sheila Hamilton of Brighton



One of the Deblars, trick cyclists in the Bertram Mills Circus at Olympia



Margaret Lockwood as Peter Pan, with Wendy, at the Scala Theatre, London



Alaric Cottler, 13, is Mikey the Dragon in Beauty and the Beast at the Westminster Theatre



Anton Dolin as St George in Where the Rainbow Ends, at the Stoll Theatre



Hy Hazell and Sandra Dorne with Mother Goose, at the Princes Theatre, London



Maxi, of Maskelyne's Mysteries, meets a member of the audience at the Comedy Theatre



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## THE CRIMSON THREAD

MANY of us have been having the opportunity of saying Thank You in a personal way to Australia for her bountiful gifts of food. The Lord Mayor of Sydney and the Secretary of the Australian Express Food Parcel scheme have been here visiting different towns and meeting people who have received food parcels.

This scheme by which individual Australians could send food to aged and needy people in this country has now come to an end. It started at the end of 1947 and more than 3,000,000 parcels have been sent. Some 300,000 parcels were distributed at Christmas, and the final gift is another 300,000.

This generosity will never be forgotten while the English tongue is spoken. There could be no better example of the ever-glowing brightness of that "crimson thread of kinship" which was praised by Australia's great Commonwealth-builder, Sir Henry Parkes.

## WALL OF FAME

LABELLING the homes of famous Londoners is one of the pleasantest customs observed by the L.C.C. All over London there are blue plaques on house walls and over doorways, recalling the names of men and women who lived, wrote, thought, or painted on the spot.

One of the proudest plaques has just been added to the wall of Robert Street, Adelphi, for it announces that Robert Adam, Thomas Hood, John Galsworthy, and James Barrie all lived there. Robert Street was their home in London, and the new plaque adds a touch of interest to a quiet street.

# The Editor's Table

## Return of a leader of men

GENERAL EISENHOWER returns to lead the defence of freedom in Europe. And how welcome he is! His appointment makes it clear that the Western democracies are determined to be ready to face whatever may befall; his very presence is a token of resolution.

General Eisenhower has the gift of inspiring men of varied nations and temperaments—a great gift that falls only to a few men in any age. Cromwell had it, so did Napoleon, but neither of those two great captains had to exercise the art in so swiftly-moving and



General Eisenhower

vast a pattern. Patience, adaptability, firmness, and decision—General Eisenhower has all these qualities; and they are more important in leadership than ever before.

Eisenhower is a soldier, but he is a soldier whose goal is peace. He is ever ready to fight but his hope is peaceful agreement. With him at the helm of strategy we may all take fresh hope for the days to come.

## JUST AN IDEA

As Thomas Fuller wrote: We never know the worth of water till the well is dry.

## INVALID'S GIFT

NOT many people could turn a personal misfortune into a source of help for others in such an original way as the Revd. T. G. Bassett has done. Following a serious breakdown he had to take a complete rest, and occupied his time in making a model electric railway which is now earning money for the British and Foreign Bible Society.

He spent between £100 and £150 on the materials for this perfect miniature railway, with its bridges, tunnels, signal boxes, and so on. Now he has given it to the B.F.B.S. for exhibition in Welsh villages and elsewhere.

Boys of all ages from six to 60 are keenly interested in it, and thus it swells the funds of the society.

## Swimming in the sea for 100 years

A VENERABLE halibut was caught recently in a Norwegian fiord and sold at Grimsby. It was estimated to be some 100 years old; so it was a lively "chicken halibut," as fishermen call the young ones, when Queen Victoria opened the Great Exhibition in 1851, and barely out of its teens at the time of the Franco-Prussian War of 1870.

Let us hope that it is treated with the respect it merits, and becomes *Fletan à sauce persil*, and not merely so much fish to be consumed with portions of chips.

## NIGHT SKY MARRED

AEROPLANES carrying neon light advertisements on their undersides have been flying at night over Copenhagen, and causing such a sensation that the originators of this novelty are considering introducing it into other countries.

Many people, however, will be quite appalled at the idea. A blaze of neon advertising on city buildings is not to everyone's taste. Must the serene beauty of a clear night sky also be marred in this way?

## Through the year

MANY years ago the Society of Friends in Pennsylvania were accustomed to refer to the days of the months as follows:

Fourth, eleventh, ninth, and sixth;  
Thirty days to each affix;  
Every other thirty-one,  
Except the second month alone.

## THE FRIEND

HAST thou a friend, as heart may wish at will?  
Then use him so, to have his friendship still.  
Wouldst have a friend, wouldst have what friend is best?  
Have God thy friend, who passeth all the rest.

Thomas Tusser

## Classes with mobs of pupils

THE Scots have always taken pride in being in "the van of sound educational progress," as Dr A. R. Muirson put it recently, and it is therefore depressing for them to hear that their schools are suffering from classes that are too large.

Dr Muirson said that the maximum number of pupils permitted in any primary class had been reduced to 45, in a junior secondary class to 40, and in the fourth, fifth, and sixth forms of secondary schools to 30. "As if a pupil in a mob like that," he continued, "has any chance of making up leeway, or of overtaking a lesson which he may have missed."

The trouble is due to a shortage of teachers, and the Educational Institute of Scotland, which he was addressing, passed a resolution stating that if teaching could offer conditions comparable with those in other professions an adequate number of suitable entrants would be attracted.

## SELFLESS COURAGE

TO rescue a drowning man in a rough and bitterly cold sea calls for heroism of a high order. Such heroism has earned two fishermen, John Clark and Stanley King, the Bronze Medal for Gallantry in Saving Life at Sea.

They were in the trawler *Tesla*, off Iceland, when their skipper fell overboard. King tied a rope round himself and jumped over, but was soon nearly unconscious and was hauled back. Then Clark dived, swam to the skipper, who was floating face downwards, and slipped a lifebuoy over him. Both men were then pulled back on board, where artificial respiration revived the skipper.

## These are the roots

BEAUTY, strength, youth, are flowers, but fading seen.  
Duty, faith, love, are roots, and ever green. George Peele

## THINGS SAID

SELF-SACRIFICE is the quality in love that matters.

Mr Justice Wallington

I DON'T suppose that we will ever get any one drug to kill all the microbes inside the body without killing the body as well, which is not much good.

Sir Alexander Fleming

HAVE confidence in yourselves, but do not become intellectual snobs because you have acquired your degrees.

Lord Woolton, to students

THAT rather strange and old collection of nations which seems to prosper most in adversity.

Mr Nehru, on the British Commonwealth

## How to be happy

THOSE only are happy... who have their minds fixed on some object other than their own happiness; on the happiness of others, on the improvement of mankind, even on some art or pursuit, followed not as a means, but as itself an ideal end. Aiming thus at something else, they find happiness by the way. The enjoyments of life

...are sufficient to make it a pleasant thing, when they are taken *en passant*, without being made a principal object. Once make them so, and they are immediately felt to be insufficient.

Ask yourself whether you are happy, and you cease to be so. The only chance is to treat, not happiness, but some end external to it, as the purpose of life. Let your self-consciousness, your scrutiny, your self-interrogation, exhaust themselves on that; and if otherwise fortunately circumstanced you will inhale happiness with the air you breathe.

John Stuart Mill

## TINY TRAVELLER

A STAMP's a tiny flimsy thing, No thicker than a beetle's wing, And yet, twill roam the world for you Exactly where you tell it to.

E. V. Lucas

## Under the Editor's Table



PETER PUCK  
WANTS TO  
KNOW

If the Underground  
has many overhead  
expenses

SOME MPs win affection from every side of the House. And the Front Bench?

A FAMOUS tenor was trained as an architect. And learned how to bring the house down.

A GIRL skater says skating is her whole life. Doesn't mind letting other things slide.

A LADY MP thinks the new House of Commons is too hot. There have been heated debates lately.

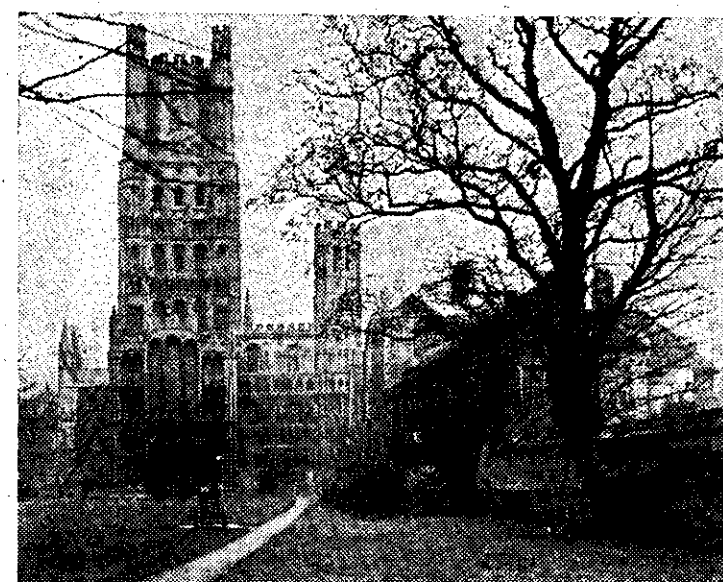
THE English people are in for a hard winter, says a foreign visitor. Lucky to be able to stop in.

ALL the women in London are wearing snow boots. Hope they do not melt.

ENGLAND still has some legal short-comings. They take a long time to go.

A COALMAN says he does not like snow. Makes him look black.

A PARTY is never a party without a jelly, says a writer. What about a political party?



OUR HOMELAND

Palace Green, Ely, with the Bishop's Palace on the right



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ERIC GILLET ON THE GREAT FILM CLOWNS...

## Charlie Chaplin and the Marx Brothers

THE Christmas holidays are the time for clowns. We can see them tumbling about at the circus, in children's plays, and at the pantomime.

There are famous film clowns too, and it seems timely that pictures made years ago by the Marx Brothers and by Charlie Chaplin have been brought back to the screen, where they are enjoying a new spell of popularity. If you have an opportunity of seeing them I advise you to take it.

One of Chaplin's best-known films, *City Lights*, has been having a long run in the West End of London. When I went to see it again recently I wondered if I should be disappointed. I came away with renewed admiration for a supreme artist, the greatest personality the cinema has given us.

Chaplin made his reputation by appearing as a shy little man, very polite and insignificant, with a bowler hat, baggy trousers, and a cane. He can be a pathetic little figure or he can be an imp of mischief, getting himself and other people into every kind of mess. He has the most expressive face I have ever seen, on the screen or off it.

*City Lights* is one of his best pictures, and there is pathos in the comedy of the wail who raises enough money to restore the sight of a blind girl. She imagines he is rich and important until she sees him—and then she can hardly believe her eyes.

The funniest of Chaplin's films

is *The Gold Rush*. It has a story about mining in the Klondyke, and in it there is a sequence showing Charlie, an immense man, and a bear, wrestling in a hut balanced on the edge of a precipice. I have never heard such laughter in the cinema as invariably greets this ridiculous scene.

If you have never seen Chaplin, and one of his pictures—even if it is only a "short"—happens to be at a cinema near your home, I recommend you to go. You will realise why his films are revived again and again, although most of them were made before the sound track was introduced. A truly great comedian need not speak to make you laugh, and as you watch Chaplin you will understand why this is so.

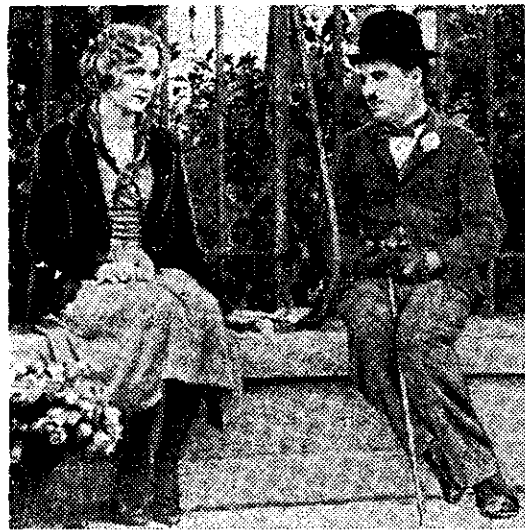
Charlie is due in England in the spring to make a picture about an old music-hall artist. Born in London, he has never become an American citizen, though he has lived in California for forty years.

Like Chaplin, the Marx Brothers are also great clowns, but their methods are very different. They work as a team. Groucho, their leader, uses "wise-cracks," and Chico (a brilliant pianist) talks too, but Harpo, with his fair, curly wig and mischievous face, is a clown who never speaks. Harpo's harp-playing is superb. The fourth Marx Brother, who rarely appears now, is Zeppo.

At least three Marx Brothers' films have been shown again recently—*Duck Soup*, *Horse*

*Feathers*, and *The Big Store*. Groucho is self-assured and loud voiced. The other two plot either with him or against him. Like Chaplin the Marx Brothers seem determined to annoy and discomfit anybody who is pompous or self-important, and they always succeed in doing so.

If you want to make sure of a laugh when you go to the pictures, choose a film by Chaplin or the Marx Brothers.



The picture above shows Charlie Chaplin and Virginia Cherrill in a scene from one of Charlie's best-known films, *City Lights*, which has been revived in London.

Right: Four of the screen's greatest clowns, The Marx Brothers—Zeppo, Groucho, Chico, and Harpo—as they appeared in *Duck Soup*.



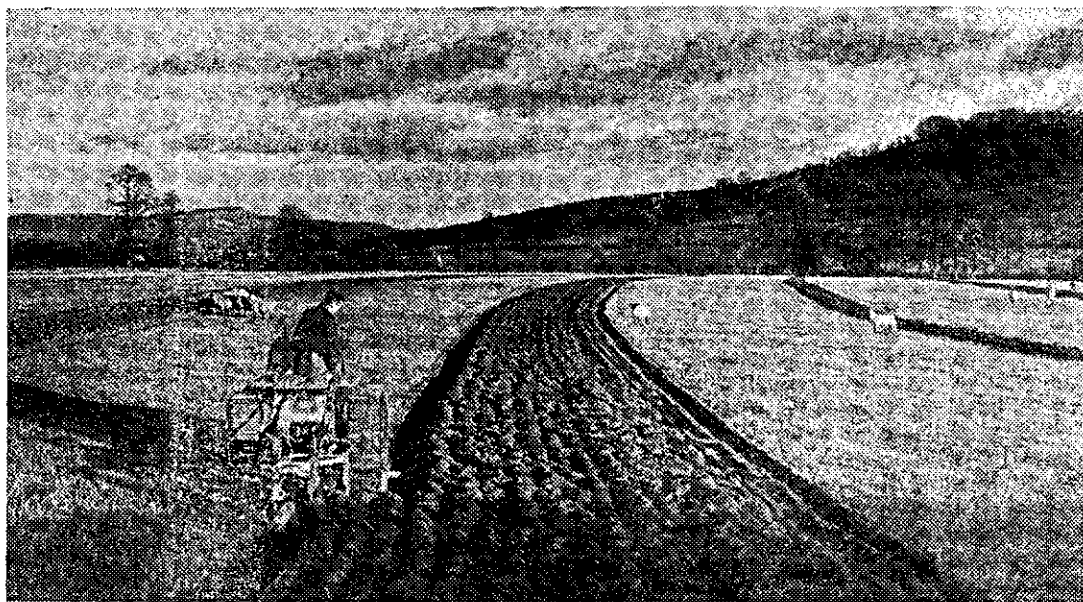
## LEARNING TO BE A FARMER

Although Farming ranks as one of our staple industries, it has not always received adequate encouragement. Today, perhaps more than at any time in our history, the need for a healthy and vigorous farming community is self-evident. What then are the prospects in this country for a young man whose ambition it is to become a successful farmer? In this number, and once in each succeeding month, *Children's Newspaper* hopes to interest its readers in a way of life which gets closer to Nature at all points than any other—to describe the different forms of

farming, and to deal with the advent of the mechanical age in agriculture which has revolutionised our methods of tilling, sowing, and harvesting. Our aim is to show, in story form, what "Learning to be a Farmer" entails.

The instalment below deals with the whys and wherefores of one of the most important of all the farmer's tasks—ploughing.

Next month the author will describe those tasks which are reserved for the cold, wet weeks of mid-winter when it is often impossible to work on the land.



### (1) Making the good earth

It was Ian Farley's ambition to become a farmer. He had just left school at the age of 15, and as he was not old enough to go to a farming college, his father sent him to stay with Jim Waring, an old friend, who had a farm and was willing to take on Ian as a pupil and show him how a modern farm was run.

On his first day at Grove Farm Ian was told by Mr Waring to walk round for an hour or two and see the farm buildings. The cows, horses, and pigs that he saw were all familiar to Ian, but he was amazed at the large number of heavy and complicated machines, all carefully stored away in nearly every building he entered, and he asked Mr Waring how he managed to work them all with only four men on the farm.

"The point is, Ian," said the farmer, "we never do work them all at one time. You see, every machine has a particular job to do, usually with one particular crop, so that each implement may be only in use for a few weeks or even a few days each year. For instance, you see the men ploughing in the field over there? Well, even though the plough probably does more work than any other implement on the farm, it is not in use for more than 50 days in the whole year."

"Yes, I see," answered Ian; "but while we are talking about ploughing, Mr Waring, I hope you won't think me stupid if I ask you just why you plough the land."

"No, it's not a stupid question at all; in fact, it's a very good one because ploughing is the most important operation on the farm. We do it for several reasons. Firstly because we want to bury the residue of previous

crops which may be left on the field, such as corn or hay stubble, potato stalks, or haulms as we call them, or maybe sugar beet tops. Ploughing is the only way of doing this.

"Secondly, we want the soil to be loose and fine so that seeds will grow quickly in it. Ploughing just about now, in January, leaves the soil exposed to the action of the frosts which we usually get in February, and this breaks up all the hard lumps.

"Thirdly, the soil must breathe, that is, it must have air mixed with it, otherwise the microbes which live in the soil would die, and without these microbes ordinary plants cannot live because they supply the bigger plants with most of their food. When we plough the soil we

loosen it and let the air get deep down into it. This encourages the microbes to grow and helps to ensure that there will be food in the soil for the plants."

"My word," said Ian. "I'd no idea there were so many reasons. I rather thought you ploughed the land just to bring up some fresh soil for the plants to grow in."

"You'd have been quite right, too," answered the farmer. "That is another reason, and there are many more besides the ones I gave you. You'll find that all operations on a farm, even the simple ones, are done for some very good reason, and no matter what job you are doing, always find out why you are doing it, and you'll be on the way to becoming a very sound farmer."

### DIALECT FOLLOWS INDUSTRY

THE result of a fascinating investigation to discover the dividing line, geographically, between the Northern and the North-Midland (West Riding) dialects has just been published. The investigator was Dr Fritz Rohrer, a Swiss, who toured the border territory on a motor-cycle and asked various questions of the people.

Over a hundred of the oldest inhabitants answered prepared questions that involved the use of certain test words, and by this means Dr Rohrer was able to learn whether they said "throat" or "throaat," "foi" or "fual" (foal), "buan" or "booon" (bone), "spuin" or "spian" (spoon), "eit" or "iat" (to eat), "kau" or "ku" (cow), and similar words which in his view mark the dis-

tinction between two dialects.

Dr Rohrer found no clear-cut geographical line, but a belt which runs from the Humber to the Upper Ribble valley. Within this belt is a "buffer dialect" with the Northern form for one word and the North-Midland for another.

He found also that a large area just east of Leeds, between the Wharfe and the Aire, was originally purely northern, but that during this century the North-Midland type has penetrated, with the result that a mixed dialect is spoken. This is probably due to industrial migration from the Midlands, and is an interesting example of the impact of social and industrial conditions upon ordinary speech and culture.



## TRIANGLES IN THE SKY

PLAYING an important part in Britain's high-speed aerodynamic research are two jet aircraft with triangular wings. One is the Avro 707B; the other is the Boulton and Paul P111.

Technically their flying surfaces are known as delta wings—so called because of their resemblance to the fourth letter of the Greek alphabet. At high speeds they have two important advantages over conventional wings.

An aeroplane flying above the speed of sound creates waves of pressure that move ahead and prepare the air for the passage of the machine. The pressure waves, however, can travel no faster than sound, and planes approaching supersonic speeds encounter a "wall" of unprepared air that sets up turbulent shock waves.

Once through the "wall" the air becomes smoother, but waves continue dragging back from the plane like the wake of a ship. The swept-back leading edges of the delta-wings have been designed to fit into this pattern.

Delta aircraft can be made much stronger than normal planes and withstand the turbulence better.

The two British research aeroplanes are small single-seaters fitted as flying laboratories. Each carries a number of instruments to record its behaviour.

## How shepherds' crooks are made

As a contribution to this year's Festival of Britain the Counties of Merionethshire, Montgomeryshire, and Radnorshire are to stage an exhibition of Welsh rural industries at Barmouth for a month.

In what will be the largest exhibition ever held in that part of Wales, visitors will be able to learn about the great strides being made in fostering rural industries.

Woodcraft of all kinds will be on view, showing the making of such specialised items as shepherds' crooks, as well as a typical Welsh kitchen, complete with spinning-wheel.

Born to luxury, Florence Nightingale horrified parents and fashionable friends by her determination to raise nursing to the degree of an honourable and scientific profession.



## Pioneers 42. FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE the Lady of the Lamp

When the horrors of war nursing in the Crimea became known, Florence broke down official opposition and reached Scutari, ten days after Balaklava, with 38 volunteer nurses and the first real medical supplies.



There the great Nurse conquered filth, muddle, and red tape to decrease the terrible death-rate. Incompetent Army surgeons persecuted her, but the humble fighting-men worshipped her.

Despite unceasing toil, Florence Nightingale lived to 91, honoured by all the world as the woman who drove dirt, neglect, and ignorance out of the Nursing profession and made it the splendid service it is today.



## Waiting for the postman in the Antarctic

NOWHERE is the postman's arrival a greater event than in those outposts of Empire where the delivery of His Majesty's mails is governed largely by the harshness of Nature.

At Deception Island, for example, there has been in fact no delivery of letters or parcels since last February. This is a volcanic rock off the frozen coast of Graham Land, only about 1200 miles from the South Pole, and the "postman" is usually a sailor who comes ashore from the supply ship John Biscoe.

The post is this part of the world is uncertain. It may come through—or it may not. There was no delivery at the outpost at Marguerite Bay for two years. The John Biscoe tried to get through the pack ice in February 1948—but failed.

She returned to Britain with her letters undelivered, and made a second effort to win through with the mail in February 1949. Again she failed.

### Two years late

When she failed for the third time last February aircraft were used to rescue the men at Marguerite Bay. They were flown from their base to the ship, where they were given the letters written by friends and relatives in 1948!

Under international law territory must be administered before it can be claimed. Thus Britain has fulfilled this requirement in the Antarctic by establishing

bases there, each with its post office and telegraph service. Two of these bases—Marguerite Bay and Hope Bay—have been closed down, but five remain.

It is not surprising, of course, that letters posted in the Antarctic should have a ready sale among stamp collectors. When the British whaling fleet returned to South Georgia and "points south" towards the end of the war, collectors in the know approached the whaling captains with requests that they post back to them from the Antarctic batches of already stamped-addressed envelopes. Bearing the

Antarctic frank these envelopes had a high cash value.

Subsequently the magistrates in Britain's Antarctic outposts, who also act as postmasters, refused to accept such letters. As a consequence the value of the Antarctic frank has increased.

Particularly sought-after are envelopes posted from the ice-girt islands flanking Graham Land, for they come from the heart of the Antarctic pack ice, where the total population is well under 50.

For the past 20 years the Far South has had its own radio station, first established by the Australian explorer, Captain Mawson. Today it is possible to telegraph from these most southerly outposts direct to this country. The 30 scientists and explorers whose research work keeps them there live within 1300 miles of the South Pole, but they are in daily communication with home through the telegraph station in the Falkland Islands.

### The next collection

In the matter of mailing, however, the men at these lonely bases still have a few weeks in which to put off letter-writing, for the next collection will not be before February at the earliest, perhaps not until March, when the John Biscoe arrives through the pack ice with the first delivery in 12 months. She may fail to get through, in which case the first delivery and collection by supply ship since February 1949 may be in the spring of 1952.

## NEW CHILDREN'S THEATRE

A CHILDREN'S theatre, the smallest in the Midlands, has been opened at Bromsgrove, Birmingham, by Miss Denise Watson, a teacher at the Glenhyng School, Bromsgrove.

Once a chalet, it is a wooden building 20 feet long and nine feet wide, and can seat an audience of 20 children. The first production was *A Life of Milton*, with a cast of children who made their own costumes and scenery.

Miss Watson's aim is to provide a practical theatre for children combining the teaching of literature, the presentation of drama, and speech training under the most suitable conditions.

## ADRIFT IN THE PACIFIC

THE skipper of a storm-battered Fijian sailing cutter recently piloted his crippled vessel 1400 miles to safety after losing his charts and instruments. He had been given up for lost.

The skipper is Captain Morris, an old boy of Levuka public school in the Fiji islands. His cutter is the *Fetu Moana* of 12.7 tons. She was actually not unduly far from her home waters when she was caught in several storms. Her wheelhouse was washed overboard and with it went all the charts and instruments.

But Captain Morris had been good at maths at school and is an expert on navigation. While his crew of six worked in relays keeping the cutter afloat and catching rainwater in tins and cooking pots, he piloted the vessel "blind," heading her for the Australian coast.

They were at sea for over four weeks, during which time a Royal NZ Air Force Catalina had searched for them in vain. They had sailed and drifted 1400 miles when they arrived at Stradbroke Island, near Brisbane.

Levuka School is naturally proud of its old boy, who as a pupil there developed the gift for navigation which saved the lives of himself and his shipmates.

## Vandalia wants to know

A POSTMAN from the small Missouri town of Vandalia will soon be in our midst, taking notes in order to report to his fellow-townsmen on the state of Britain as he sees it.

The reason for this visit is that the Vandalia Business and Professional Men's Club have had many vigorous debates on Socialism, and to find out for themselves how Socialism worked in this country they decided to send a special investigator.

A local postman was chosen and a sum of money raised to cover the expenses of a two-month tour of Great Britain. At the end of his tour the postman will return to Vandalia to give his impressions.

## KIDNAPPED—R. L. Stevenson's Great Romance of Jacobite Scotland (8)



Horrified that the soldiers thought he was concerned in the murder of Colin Campbell, David stood bewildered as they approached. Then a voice told him to dodge into the trees, and he found Alan there with a fishing-rod. They dashed away until they were out of sight of the soldiers shouting behind them, and then they lay hidden in the heather. Alan swore he had not killed Colin Campbell.



Alan said they must escape together to the Lowlands, or they would both be hanged for the murder. At nightfall they went to the house of Alan's friend, James, where the family were in great fear, knowing they too would be suspected. James told them to find a hiding place and to send to him later for money, as he had none now. He gave them food to take with them, and to David, a change of clothes.



The two set out to travel all night, as soldiers would be searching for them by day. Dawn found them in a bare valley, and they scrambled to the top of a great rock. As it grew lighter they saw a soldiers' camp a mile away, and a sentry on a rock nearby. They lay in the sun until they could endure their thirst no longer, then they slid from the rock, crawled to a stream, and hid there.



Next morning they reached a cave Alan knew of. Here they must hide, he said, while he sent to James for money. At night he went to a hamlet nearby where a friend of his agreed to take word to James. When the man returned, three days later, he brought the news that James had been arrested, and his wife could send them only five guineas. He brought copies of posters offering £100 for their capture.

A perilous journey lies before the fugitives. See next week's thrilling instalment





## The Silver Gentleman

by GEOFFREY TREASE

### 8. Journey to Madrid

MARTIN SHERWOOD was getting a little tired of his task.

For hours, it seemed to him, he had done nothing but wind thread round and round sticks of various thicknesses—slender twigs and stout broomsticks, and even chair-legs. But still the tiny specks of ink would not link up to form letters.

"It does need patience," the Silver Gentleman comforted him. "Let me take another turn. Have you tried it round this one?"

"I—I think so. I'm getting mixed up myself now," Martin admitted.

They were sitting in a bedroom of an inn in Westmorland, many miles now separating them from the Earl of Copeland who, no doubt, was still puzzling over the identity of his "guests." They had reached it earlier in the day after an all-night tramp across the fells. As soon as they had eaten the biggest dinner, the landlord could provide, they had started on the mysterious ball of thread which Martin had found behind the secret panel in Copeland Castle.

"We shall solve it, don't fear," said the Silver Gentleman, frowning as he twisted the thread round yet another stick. "These code-messages are not meant to be read by the first person who gets hold of them."

"I can't believe it does carry any message."

"How else do you explain these tiny marks on the thread? I've met this kind of thing before. This thread has been wrapped round a stick and something has been written across. Then it would be unwound, tied round something quite different—an ordinary package, perhaps—and sent to Copeland."

"And he—lucky man—would have a similar stick, so that he could read it straight off. He wouldn't be working in the dark, as we are. All right, let me have another go, sir."

"Sorry, Martin." The Silver Gentleman smiled. "I know you're dead-beat. We need sleep, and then we ought to get out of this dangerous district. But it's not much use making a move until we're quite certain which way we need to go next. And that may possibly depend on what the message says."

How right he was they knew only a few minutes later. Martin had given a sudden grunt of excitement. The first few rows of the thread had begun to form a capital letter. As he twined more and more round the stick—hastily and yet carefully—the tiny black flecks of ink joined up until a brief message ran down the length of the stick.

"HMCM is persuaded to approve your plan. Date and details must depend on you. Q.E."

"We're not much wiser than we were," Martin grumbled. "Nothing here we could show to the Queen as evidence. The Earl's name isn't on it—she wouldn't believe it had come from his secret cupboard—and we don't know whose initials these are."

"I think we do," said the Silver Gentleman quietly. "Because it is unusual to have a Christian name beginning with Q. It's a safe guess that this message came from Quentin Brand—an extremely well-known English traitor who skulks round the Palace back-stairs in Madrid."

"Then who is HMCM?"

"His Most Catholic Majesty—the King of Spain! And that, I fancy, is where the scent is leading us. If we cannot get the evidence we want in England, we shall have to go to Madrid!"

THERE WAS, just then, an uneasy kind of peace between the two countries. Whatever Drake and others might be doing—unofficially on the far-off Spanish Main, King Philip and his English sister-in-law were outwardly on good terms. But

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THE PECKER

there was no love lost between them, and no-one knew when the situation would flare into open war.

There was only one sort of Englishman really welcome in Madrid—the sort that found it healthier to keep out of England. For that reason the Silver Gentleman and Martin did not travel there by the direct route, but came round-about, pretending to have come from Italy. Once in Madrid, they went to call upon Quentin Brand, who was lodged in the mansion of a nobleman, close to the palace.

"This is a dangerous gamble," murmured the Silver Gentleman as a Spanish servant led them forward into a courtyard where fountains were playing. "We shall be fencing in the dark—but none the less, we may score a hit."

A SALLOW, nervous-looking young Englishman was sitting on a carved marble bench, against a hedge of dark clipped yew. He rose to greet them. He was holding a signet-ring which the Silver Gentleman had sent in by the servant. With a bow he returned it. Martin could not see the crest engraved on it.

"I am honoured, my lord," he said. "A visit from—"

"Do not speak my name, please, Master Brand."

"As you wish, my lord. And this friend of yours—"

"Knows no word of English," said the Silver Gentleman smoothly. "He is Irish, from the West Coast, and speaks only that, with a smattering of priest's Latin. He is an excellent bodyguard. But we can talk as though we were alone."

"That is convenient." But the man looked wary. He eyed his visitors from under lowered lids. "I did not know you were... of our opinion, my lord."

"Oh, I was not, for a long time," said the Silver Gentleman airily. "I thought at first I should some day be able to make my peace with the Queen. I thought it was a mere—well, a mere misunderstanding between us."

"You have changed your mind?"

The Silver Gentleman shrugged his shoulders. "I'm no fool, Mr Brand. I realise now that I shall never enjoy my rights again so long as that woman lives. If she will not forgive me, my course of action is obvious."

"Quite obvious," agreed Brand with a sly smile.

"So I have come to an understanding with Copeland."

"With Copeland?" For the first time Brand showed that he was startled.

"I was with him in Copeland Castle not a month ago," said the Silver Gentleman quite truthfully.

"That was dangerous for you!"

"It was," Martin, listening but trying to keep the blank expression of someone not understanding a word, could hardly repress a laugh. Quentin Brand had no idea just how dangerous it had been.

"Oh, yes, I risked my neck landing in England," answered the Silver Gentleman, playing with his white gloves, "but one must take risks these days. The Earl discussed a great many matters with me, and we shall be seeing each other again before long. For that reason

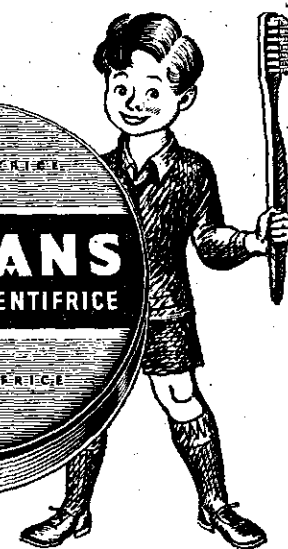
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he asked me to visit you here."

"Indeed?"

"Yes." The Silver Gentleman threw a quick glance at the sallow, suspicious face of the exile. "As he remarked, one can exchange more information in five minutes' talk than in miles of thread. So much simpler, don't you agree?"

The mention of "thread" worked a wonderful change in Brand's expression. His doubts faded. There was a new friendliness in his tone, though from force of habit he still spoke carefully.

"Just what information were you to give me, my lord?"

MARTIN caught his breath. This was the moment of peril. As his friend had said, they were fencing in the dark. They had no notion of the plan mentioned in the code message—no certainty, even, that the plan had not already been given up. It must be a game of bluff. One serious mistake, and they would be betrayed. Then Brand, with all the strength of Spain at his back, would make sure they never left Madrid alive.

But it was the sort of game the Silver Gentleman loved for its own sake. Without the flicker of an eyelash he said smoothly: "The Earl has given me a full picture of the situation at Court, up to the moment I left England. How much of that affects you, at this end, depends on what has happened here since the last messages reached him."

"But nothing fresh has happened here—how could it?" Brand retorted with indignation.

The Silver Gentleman did not miss the irritation in his voice. As a fencer he knew the advantage of making one's opponent lose his temper. Whether one fought with steel blades or steel nerves, it was the same. He pressed his advantage, goading Brand to greater annoyance.

"That is just the point, Master

Brand. The Earl feels you have not been—well, as active as you might have been."

BRAND leapt to his feet again, his face dull red. "That is unjust—and the Earl knows it! I have got the King to agree to everything, and we are waiting entirely for the Earl. Once he can get the Queen's permission to sail with his expedition, he has only to warn me of time and place. Troops will be ready in the Azores. He will put in to get water, and then accept our Governor's invitation to bring all his captains to dinner. They will be surprised, and the whole party made prisoner."

"Yes, yes, but then?"

"It will follow on just as we agreed. Precautions will be taken to see that no word of the incident reaches England. False dispatches will be sent, saying that all is well. Then the Earl will sail back to Plymouth with his ships, now filled with Spanish volunteers. He will sail in flying the English flag and take possession of the town. Meanwhile, the main Spanish fleet will have put out from Ferrol and make for Plymouth. If the Earl makes sure of the port, he can leave it to the Spanish army to do the rest." Brand checked his flow of indignation, ending in a quieter, hurt tone: "I have arranged for all that. I really don't know what more the Earl expects."

The Silver Gentleman was beaming. "Have no more fear, Master Brand. It is quite clear to me that the Earl has been a little unreasonable. I am sure that you have done a great deal for him—a great deal more than he realises. I can only hope," he added with a twinkle in his eye which only Martin caught, "that when he knows he will be suitably grateful."

In next week's adventure Martin and The Silver Gentleman, hurrying back to England with the evidence they need, are ambushed in Navarre.

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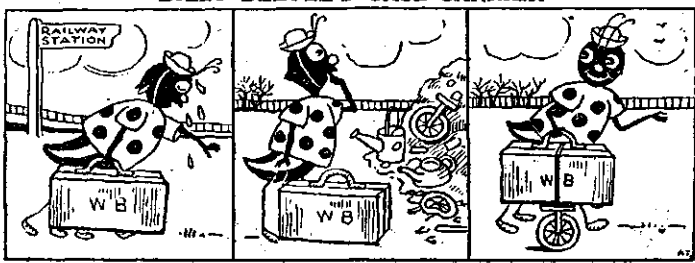
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Sleigh-bells jingling,  
Ears a-tingling.  
A snowman I will make.  
Muffin-toasting, chestnut-roasting,  
Gathered round the fire.  
Happy times at pantomimes—  
Of these I never tire.  
Yet Mummie's groaning, Dad-die's moaning:  
"A horrid time of year.  
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**A prayer**  
GIVE me a pure heart,  
O Lord, to help me feel  
Thee near. Give me a clear  
mind to understand Thy  
ways, and a fearless soul that  
I may follow them.  
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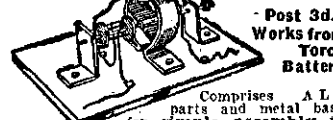
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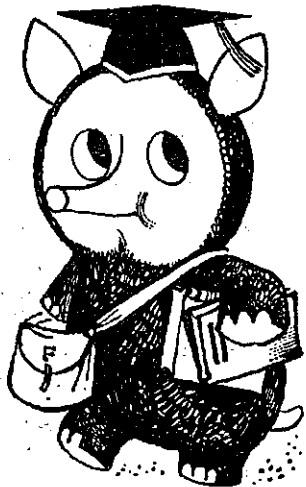
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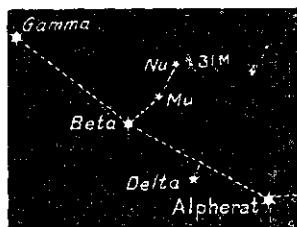
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## Great solar systems of Andromeda

THE constellation of Andromeda, which from very ancient times has represented the lady who, according to Greek mythology, was chained to a rock at the instigation of the sea-god Neptune and subsequently rescued by the knight-errant Perseus, may now be seen high in the western sky and not far from overhead between 6 and 8 o'clock.

The stars of Andromeda are immediately to the right of those of Perseus, which were described in the C.N. recently. So with the aid of the accompanying star-map they should be readily identified.

Andromeda's three chief stars are of second magnitude, and the leading star is Alpherat, also



known as Alpha Andromedae, as astronomers express it. This star, which represents the Head of the Chained Lady, will be seen to be at the upper left corner of the quartette forming the Great Square of Pegasus, though it is not part of that constellation.

Alpherat consists of two suns which average about 43,700,000 miles apart, or rather more than the aphelion distance of the planet Mercury from our Sun. But each of these suns is about twice the diameter of our Sun, and neither resembles Mercury or our Sun except that they revolve round their common centre of gravity in 96 days and 16 hours, while Mercury takes 88 days to travel round the Sun. Both these great suns of Alpherat are intensely brilliant; each one shining with a radiance amounting to thirty times that of our Sun, but from a distance 4,557,000 times farther away,

their light taking about 72 years to reach us.

THE bright star Gamma in Andromeda (also known as Almach) is at a distance of about 93 light-years' journey, and is composed of three suns. One of these is a very large yellowish sun, the other two are relatively small and of a bluish hue, both having very hot surfaces. The larger of these two smaller suns radiates about seven times more light than our Sun, and the other about twice as much. One revolves round the other like a planet once in 55 years.

The great yellowish sun round which the other two probably revolve radiates about 90 times more light than our Sun does.

Beta in Andromeda, also known as Mirach, is an immense sun that radiates about 70 times more light than our Sun, but from a distance 5,443,000 times farther away.

Delta in Andromeda, of third magnitude, is another star composed of two suns. These are at the great distance of 7,900,000 times that of our Sun.

The larger sun of this pair radiates about fifty times more light than our Sun, but the smaller one about fifty times less. As a matter of fact, it appears to be at present a flaming planetary body which, ages hence, may cool down into a great world something like our own but very much larger.

APPARENTLY to the right of the faint star Nu on the star-map and in the position indicated by the number 31 M (Messier's Catalogue) will be seen on any clear, dark night an oval patch of misty-looking light. This is coming from the Great Andromeda Universe or Galaxy.

It used to be regarded as a Nebula, but is now known to be composed of between two and three thousand million suns, and probably even more worlds. Its distance averages about 900,000 light-years' journey, and it is the most distant object that our unaided eyes can see. G. F. M.

### Twice as big as Waterloo

ROME's new central railway station, recently opened by the President of the Republic, is claimed to be the biggest and most up to date in Europe; it covers an area of about 50 acres, compared with the 24½ acres of Waterloo, Britain's biggest station. The new Rome station will deal with only about 400 trains a day, however, whereas Waterloo, with more suburban traffic, deals with 1500.

Rome's central station is an imposing white building with windows of offices joined together in continuous lines. It is 90 feet high and 250 yards long, and has already been nicknamed "the dinosaur" on account of the switchback shape of its huge roof. The construction of the station began in 1938 and has cost between £15,000,000 and £17,000,000.

Next to this ultra-modern building is a portion of the ruins of the ancient Servian Wall, built in the sixth century B.C. by King Servius Tullius.

### LINKS WITH ADAM BEDE

SEVERAL souvenirs associated with characters in George Eliot's novel, *Adam Bede*, have been presented to Wirksworth Urban Council, and will be exhibited in the town branch of the Derbyshire County Library. They were collected by the late Mr H. B. Snow, a local schoolmaster, who was a recognised authority on the literary and historical associations of Wirksworth.

The exhibits include a brooch and other personal possessions of George Eliot's aunt, Mrs Elizabeth Evans (Dinah Morris), who was an ardent Methodist preacher.

In the Wirksworth Bede Memorial Chapel stands the pulpit which Elizabeth Evans frequently occupied, although an inscription says that her preaching activities were not confined to indoor sermons, but that she "proclaimed alike in the open air, the sanctuary, and from house to house, the love of Christ."



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  3. Eyes left!
  4. Glance again—right!
  5. Then IF ALL CLEAR—quick march!
- Don't rush, cross calmly.

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## THE BRAN TUB

### Change here

THE conceited young man spoke to the great singer. "You have heard me sing, sir; do you think I can do anything with my voice?"

"Certainly," was the reply; "become a railway porter."

### Anagram

THESE men make docile wildest beasts.

Twist well around, and you will find

A boy, a man who teaches boys. Or one with a controlling mind. A further shuffle and, oh look, Water behold, perhaps a brook.

Answer next week

### Farmer Gray explains

The Ghost Bird. From the direction of the woods came a long-drawn shriek. A dim white shape drifted away.

"It was only a barn owl," said Don, seeing Ann's startled look.

"Jim says it's the Ghost Bird," quavered Ann fearfully.

"That is only a local name for the barn owl," explained Farmer Gray, overhearing Ann. "Barn owls occasionally give off a faint glow. This luminosity is due to frequent contact with rotten wood. Their silent flight and the hideous screeches they utter, are also features which contribute to the name Ghost Bird. Barn owls are among the farmer's greatest friends."

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## Jacko see-saws and sees stars



ALWAYS on the look-out for something new to amuse them, Jacko and Chimp had made a fine see-saw from an old crate and a plank in the kitchen. Things were going well until Chimp got a little too enthusiastic, and, with a sudden bounce, sent Jacko crashing against the ceiling. Plaster came cascading down just as Mother Jacko came in. "Now, boys, I do wish you wouldn't play snowballing indoors," she exclaimed. Jacko, ruefully rubbing his head and counting stars, reflected that no snowball ever hurt as much as this!

### Other worlds

IN the evening Mars and Jupiter are in the south-west and Uranus in the south-east. Soon after sunset Venus is very low in the south-west. In the morning Saturn is in the south. The picture shows the Moon at 6 o'clock on Thursday evening, January 11.



### Quickly, Bickley

CRIED a merry old fellow named Bickley: "The snowflakes have settled so thickly. There is no time to lose, I must make some snowshoes. Then I'll travel a great deal more quickly."

### Do you know that . . . ?

THE Australian platypus has a rubbery duck-like beak, a fur-covered body, and webbed feet. Although it is a mammal, it lays eggs.

THE Hwang Ho river of China, sometimes called China's Sorrow, frequently bursts its banks, causing large-scale flooding. It is said that more people have been drowned in its waters than have been killed in all the world's wars.

LA PAZ in Bolivia, 12,700 feet above sea level, is the highest capital city in the world.

THE wind circulation in a depression north of the Equator is anti-clockwise. South of the Equator, the flow is clockwise.

THE Kalahari desert of South Africa is not a true desert because in many parts it does support life. The real desert is that part called the Namib which lies along the west coast.

### Surprise for Jack

ON the homeward-bound train one evening Mr Jones produced a fountain-pen and handed it for inspection to Mr Smith.

"Jack is seventeen tomorrow," said Mr Jones. "That is a present for him."

"Is it to be a surprise?" queried Mr Jones.

"It certainly will be; he hinted that he'd like a bicycle."

### Nine days' wonder

THIS phrase is used to describe anything sensational or exciting that is soon over and forgotten, or which becomes of much less importance—a novelty for a time, but commonplace afterwards.

One possible origin of this expression is that the festivals of the Church used to last for nine days, during which time the image of the particular Saint was carried in procession and various ceremonial rites were observed. Describing the Festival of Our Lady, an early writer observed: "It lasts, like the others, nine days."

Another explanation is that puppies and kittens are blind for nine days after birth, and then "their eyes are opened."

### January halves

SIX famous people have anniversaries this month, but their heads and tails have got mixed. Can you sort them out? They are a composer, an astronomer, a writer, a physician, and collector (all English), a French physicist, and a Latin orator.

SLO DOR  
DEL LEY  
CIC ANE  
LAN ERE  
AMP IUS  
HAL ERO

Answer next week

### Countryside flowers

THE pretty, pink-tipped, yellow and white Daisy can often be found bravely blooming during the winter.



The stalk, which is hairy, bears not one flower, as you may imagine, but a great many. There are two types—disc florets, which are tiny tubes massed together to form the yellow centre, and ray florets, a number of which make what we call a petal.

The name Daisy is really a corruption of Day's Eye. As daisies close at night time, to keep out the moisture, this is of course a most appropriate name.

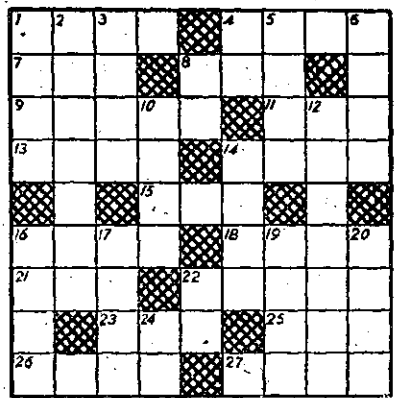
## Crossword puzzle

Reading across: 1 Flat structure used as a boat. 4 Title of unmarried girl. 7 Tailless monkey. 8 Males. 9 Pace. 11 Health resort. 13 Skin of furred animal. 14 Halt. 15 Unit. 16 Map. 18 Crafts. 21 Donkey. 22 Hoard. 23 Equipment. 25 Thick black liquid. 28 Spin. 27 Pay As You Earn (abbrev).

Reading down: 1 Coarse file. 2 Pleads. 3 Touch. 4 Myself. 5 The current month (abbrev). 6 Light blow. 8 Doctor of Medicine (abbrev). 10 English Public school. 12 Delect. 14 To sit on. 16 Breathe heavily. 17 Requests. 19 Roster. 20 Withered. 22 Saint (abbrev). 24 Exists.

Answer next week

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### What a fright!

WHY did the Aspen quiver  
Down by the flowing river?  
'Twas terrified, no doubt—  
It saw the Bulrush out!

### Last week's answers

What am I? Sugar, Argus.

Dropped letters

How doth the little busy bee  
Improve each shining hour;  
He gathers honey all the day  
From every opening flower.



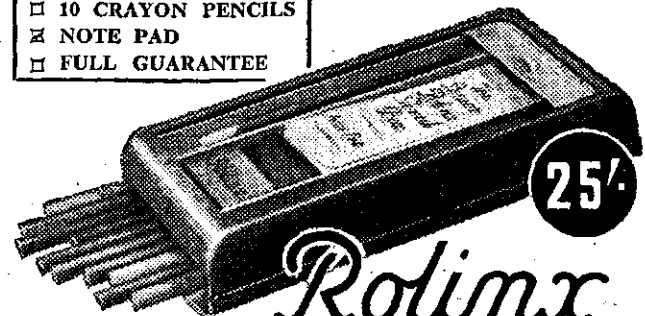
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